FIVE VIRTUES WHICH CHARACTERIZE THE NEW MAN COLOSSIANS 3:12

- I. BOWELS OF MERCIES: (OUR COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE TO HUMAN NEED)
- II. KINDNESS: (OUR RESPONSE TO ALL MEN ALL THE TIME)
- III. HUMBLENESS OF MIND: (OUR RESPONSE TO OUR POSITION)
- IV. MEEKNESS: (OUR RESPONSE TO DIFFERENCES WITH OTHER PEOPLE)
- V. LONGSUFFERING: (OUR RESPONSE TO SUFFERING, PARTICULARLY INSULT AND INJURY)

JESUS CHRIST AND COMPASSION

- I. WHERE THERE WAS SICKNESS (MATT. 14:14)
- II. WHERE THERE WAS HUNGER (MATT. 15:32)
- III. WHERE THERE WAS DEATH (LUKE 7:13)
- IV. WHERE THERE WAS SPIRITUAL NEED (MATT. 9:36)
 - V. WHERE THERE WAS A PARABLE
 - 1. THE GOOD SAMARITAN (LUKE 10:33)
 - 2. THE KING WHO FORGAVE TEN THOUSAND TALENTS (MATT. 18:27)
 - 3. THE PRODIGAL SON (LUKE 15:20)

EVIDENCE OF HUMBLENESS OF MIND (THE MEASURE OF HUMILITY)

I. MUTUAL RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER (PHILIPPIANS 2:3)

"...but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

II. WILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER (I PETER 5:5)

"...Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility..."

III. ABILITY TO SURRENDER AND NOT INSIST ON YOUR RIGHTS (II CORINTHIANS 11:7)

"Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?"

IV. CONTENTMENT IN CIRCUMSTANCES (PHILIPPIANS 4:12)

"I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."

V. ABILITY TO BE COMFORTABLE WITH LOWLY PEOPLE (ROMANS 12:16)

"...Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate..."

"MEEKNESS"

- **I Peter 3:15** "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with *meekness* and fear:"
- **James 3:13** "Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with *meekness* of wisdom."
- **Galatians 6:1** "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of *meekness*; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."
- **II Timothy 2:25** "In *meekness* instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;"
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- **I Peter 3:4** "But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a *meek* and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

"LONGSUFFERING"

- **II Timothy 3:10** "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, *longsuffering*, charity, patience,"
- **II Corinthians 6:6** "By pureness, by knowledge, by *longsuffering*, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,"
- **II Timothy 4:2** "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all *longsuffering* and doctrine."